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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Visit of House Post Office and Civil Service Staff to
Headquarters

1. House Post Office and Civil Services staffers, Robert M. Levi, Legislative Director, Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits, Julie Tagen and Derek Mattimoe, Subcommittee on Human Resources, and Sandra Fiske, Staff Director, Federal Government Services Task Force, visited Headquarters on 2 October 1989 for a briefing and orientation on Agency activities and programs. [] OCA was their principal host. []

2. [] Public Affairs Office (PAO), began the day with an overview of the Intelligence Community and the mission of the agency. Next, the staffers toured the Operations Center and were briefed on its function by [] its chief. Lee Strickland and [] Office of Information Technology (OIT), explained the computer support their office provides to the Agency and showed the staffers some of the Agency's computer equipment, including our Cray supercomputer. []

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3. At a working lunch, [] Office of Personnel (OP), explained some of the Agency benefits and provided each of the staffers with a sample of the employee benefits statement. They were most impressed with it and indicated that they had not seen anything like it elsewhere in the US Government. The group next met with Rae Huffstutler, Deputy Director for Administration, and his deputy, Roy Elmendorf. The DDA gave his views on the limitations and restrictions imposed on Federal managers by the civil service system. He suggested that a better approach would be to give managers greater flexibility with budget and personnel resources. []

4. The final stop for the staffers was the day care center. They observed the center in full operation. During the course of the day, Bob Levi said that Chairman Ackerman (D, NY) wanted the Subcommittee to introduce a Federal employees health benefits bill

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by the end of the month. He said that it would be a comprehensive package with only one or two additional options. He was not optimistic about progress for the bill this year because the Congress already has a full schedule of legislation. He also indicated that the Committee was going to introduce a pay bill before Congress adjourns. [REDACTED]

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